

Attachment 1

Mathews Sentencing Press Release – Stipulation of Facts

As part of their plea agreements, Kathleen Mathews, Ray Mathews, Rachel Mathews, and James Poteete, stipulated to the following facts:

On January 22, 2011, Jesse Mathews (“Mathews”) robbed the Carl’s Jr. restaurant in Colorado Springs, CO with a firearm. At the time Mathews robbed the Carl’s Jr. it was engaged in and affected interstate commerce. He brandished the firearm during this robbery.

On February 11, 2011, Mathews robbed the Cash America Pawn Store located in Colorado Springs, CO with a firearm. Mathews took sixteen firearms, approximately \$15,000 in United States Currency, and jewelry worth approximately \$40,000. At the time Mathews robbed the Cash America Pawn Store it was engaged in and affected interstate commerce. He brandished the firearm during this robbery.

On February 14, 2011, Jesse Mathews (“Mathews”) robbed the Walgreens drug store in Colorado Springs, CO with a firearm. At the time Mathews robbed the Walgreens it was engaged in and affected interstate commerce. He brandished the firearm during this robbery.

At the time of the robberies, Mathews was in custody at a halfway house in Colorado Springs. Mathews was on parole for a felony conviction of robbery for which he served approximately eight years of a twenty year sentence.

Shortly after the robberies, Mathews absconded from the custody of the halfway house in Colorado Springs, CO. Mathews wired money to his sister, Rachel Mathews (“Rachel”), in order for her to buy a plane ticket to fly to meet him in Colorado so she could help him escape. Rachel flew to Colorado that day. Mathews informed Rachel that he committed the robberies and that he escaped from the halfway house. Rachel, along with one of Mathews’ girlfriends, then aided Mathews in evading law enforcement by moving with him from hotel room to hotel room, providing him food, etc. Rachel bought bus tickets for her and Mathews who traveled to Nashville, TN via bus. Rachel bought the tickets under false names. James Poteete (“Poteete”) picked up Mathews and Rachel from the bus station. Mathews paid Poteete \$1,000 to drive him and Rachel to Asheville, NC. Poteete was, at some point, made aware of the fact that Mathews had committed the robberies in Colorado and was a fugitive from justice.

In Asheville, NC they met Mathews’ parents, Ray Mathews (“Ray”) and Kathleen Mathews (“Kathleen”). On or about March 6, 2011, Mathews, Ray, and Kathleen were seen by a witness moving into the Microtel Hotel in Chattanooga, TN. Mathews introduced himself to a witness at the Microtel as “Kevin Moore.” Kathleen also referred to her son, Mathews, as “Kevin Moore.” Mathews informed Kathleen and Ray that he was a fugitive and that he had committed the robberies in Colorado Springs. While at the Microtel, the Colorado Department of Corrections

("CDOC") called Kathleen and asked if she knew where her son, Mathews, was. Kathleen told CDOC that she had not seen Mathews, but would ask him to call in reference to guns. This was at least the second time that Kathleen lied to law enforcement about Mathews' whereabouts. She also lied to law enforcement in Asheville, NC all the while knowing that Mathews was a fugitive who, with a firearm, had robbed a business that affected interstate commerce.

On or about March 16, 2011, Kathleen and Ray moved into a house in Chattanooga. Poteete drove down from his home in Antioch, TN, and he and Mathews helped move Kathleen and Ray. Poteete has since admitted to ATF that one of the items he moved was a bullet proof vest into Kathleen and Ray's house, although Kathleen never saw the vest. Mathews moved in with an employee of the Microtel ("Girlfriend") who knew him as "Kevin Moore."

On or about March 27, 2011, Mathews and his Girlfriend went to the R.K. Shows gun show at the National Guard Armory in Chattanooga. Mathews spoke to someone there for about thirty minutes and then left. Mathews then called Ray and said "bring the family collection." Less than hour later Kathleen and Ray met Mathews and Girlfriend at Girlfriend's residence. Kathleen and Ray transferred between ten and twelve firearms to Mathews. At the time they gave the firearms to Mathews, they were aware he was a convicted felon. These firearms, also known as "the family collection," were some of the firearms Mathews stole in the robbery of the Pawn Shop in Colorado Springs.

Mathews and Girlfriend took the firearms back to R.K. Shows gun show at the Armory where Mathews traded three of the stolen firearms for an M-4 assault rifle. ATF and FBI have since recovered these stolen firearms (those traded for the M-4).

On or about March 28, 2011, Ray and Kathleen drove Mathews to Nashville, TN. According to Ray, they were supposed to drop Mathews off at the bus depot. Their plan was for Mathews to travel to New York, NY to acquire false identification which he would use to escape into Canada. For some reason, this plan never came to fruition.

On or about March 29, 2011, Mathews was back in Chattanooga. Before Mathews returned to Chattanooga he met Poteete. Poteete saw Mathews in possession of the previously mentioned M-4 in a guitar case. Mathews resumed staying at the Girlfriend's house. Kathleen and Ray were aware that Mathews was back in Chattanooga.

On April 2, 2011, a witness saw Mathews leaving Girlfriend's house with the previously mentioned guitar case. Mathews took Girlfriend's car. Mathews told Girlfriend that he was going to eat and then go to his parents' house. Girlfriend never saw Mathews in possession of a bullet proof vest as long as he stayed at her house. Later that morning Mathews attempted to rob the US Money Shops located at or near 5952 Brainerd Road. The Chattanooga Police Department arrived on the scene and foiled the robbery. Mathews engaged the Chattanooga Police in a gun battle in which Mathews killed Chattanooga Police Department Sergeant Tim

Chapin. CPD officers subdued Mathews who was wearing a bullet proof vest. CPD recovered two firearms from Mathews. These two firearms were among those Mathews stole from the pawn shop in Colorado Springs.

CPD located Girlfriend's car on the scene of the robbery. Inside the car CPD found the guitar case which contained the M-4 semi-automatic assault rifle.

Later that day law enforcement recovered among other things two more of the stolen guns from Girlfriend's house among Mathews' things.

Early on April 3, 2011, law enforcement searched Kathleen's and Ray's house and recovered ammunition. The ammunition was in the trunk of Kathleen's and Ray's car and in a drawer in the house. Kathleen explained how some of the ammunition ended up in the trunk of their car.

On or about April 4, 2011, Rachel and Poteete arrived at Kathleen's and Ray's house. Kathleen gave Rachel and Poteete a key to a storage unit in Chattanooga and directed them to go to the storage unit and get the firearms out of it. Rachel and Poteete did as they were told and took out at least six firearms. Poteete took the six firearms to his residence in Antioch, TN. Four of those firearms Mathews had stolen from the pawn shop in Colorado.

On or about April 6, 2011, Rachel called Poteete and told him to get rid of the firearms including the stolen firearms. Rachel used code to convey this message. Poteete threw the firearms away. Kathleen then called Poteete and told him that ATF and/or FBI knew he had the firearms and were coming to retrieve them. Poteete then retrieved the firearms and wiped them down to conceal his fingerprints. ATF did recover the firearms from Poteete.

ATF and FBI interviewed Kathleen, Rachel, Ray, and Poteete who all confessed. All four admitted knowing that Mathews had robbed the pawn shop in Colorado as well as that he was an escapee from the halfway house. They were also aware that he robbed other businesses in Colorado. They admitted that they had this knowledge and assisted Mathews in avoiding apprehension for these robberies and for his escape. They admitted that they did not tell law enforcement about Mathews' location and his crimes, and they also actively hid this information from law enforcement. Kathleen and Ray admitted to knowingly transferring and disposing of firearms to Mathews whom they knew was a convicted felon. Kathleen further admitted to possessing ammunition and firearms while in the Eastern District of Tennessee. All four admitted to committing these offenses in the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Prior to possessing the aforementioned firearms and ammunition Kathleen had at least the following felony conviction: Voluntary Manslaughter.